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**OWENSBORO WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO  
AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT AND MAIL FRAUD**

*-Woman Stole Identity of Grandmother While Serving as Her Caretaker*

OWENSBORO, KY - Gina Dickens, age 45, of Owensboro, Kentucky, in Daviess County, pled guilty to five counts of mail fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341 and one count of aggravated identity theft in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1028A, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

More particularly, at the change of plea, Dickens admitted that she stole her grandmother's identity, i.e., used her name, social security number, and date of birth, to fraudulently open five separate credit card accounts in mid 2005. More particularly, she used her grandmother's identity to apply for and use credit cards from MNBA America, Bank of America, Target National Bank, Sears, and Wal-Mart. She then used the credit cards to fraudulently charge approximately \$37,603.15 in purchases. Each of the cards was mailed to Dickens and she received monthly statements in the United States Mail. To enable her crime, Dickens opened a mail box located in Owensboro, Kentucky, for the purpose of receiving mailings, including monthly statements, related to these cards.

The maximum potential penalties are 122 years imprisonment, a \$2,750,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 5 years. Count 1 charges aggravated identity theft and this count requires a mandatory imprisonment sentence of two years, which runs concurrently with any

sentence imposed for counts 2 through 6.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bryan Calhoun, and it was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

The plea was entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Dickens is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Joseph H. McKinley, Jr. on October 17, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in Owensboro, Kentucky.

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